

OCTOBER AGENDA  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH



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A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will conduct a Briefing Session at 8:00 a.m.:

1. Increasing Uintah Basin Oil Takeout Capacity
2. Request for Approval of Board Hearing Schedule for Year 2015
3. Other
4. Next Month's Agenda and Division Calendar
5. Opportunity for Public Comment

The Board will hear the following matters at 9:00 a.m.:

1. [Docket No. 2014-030 Cause No. 264-04](#) – In the Matter of the Petition by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for an Order: (1) Forfeiting to the Division all funds evidenced by certificates of deposit (#003525857) and (#003525790) in the amounts of \$30,000 and \$70,754, held by Bank of the West, Sandy, Utah for the Division as surety for the plugging and abandonment of the State 2-23 and State 2-43x wells, located in Section 2, T16S, R12E, Emery County, Utah, formerly operated by GENESIS PETROLEUM US INC.; (2) Ordering the Bank of the West to deliver the amounts deposited and held in said accounts for the Division and authorizing the Utah Attorney General to take any and all actions necessary to obtain the delivery of these funds; (3) Authorizing the Division to use the funds to complete plugging and reclamation of the State 2-23 and State 2-43x wells and the lands affected by the wells; (4) Authorizing the Division to take other action necessary to recover from GENESIS PETROLEUM US INC. any and all costs associated with the plugging and reclamation of the State 2-23 and State 2-43x wells; and Authorizing any other action the Board deems reasonable and appropriate.

*(Continued from the September 24, 2014, Board Hearing.)*

2. [Docket No. 2014-032 Cause No. 139-122](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY for an Order pooling all Interests in two 1,280-Acre (or substantial equivalent) drilling units established by the Board's Orders in Causes Nos. 139-98 and 139-103, in Sections 15 and 22, Township 3 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M., Duchesne County, Utah

*(The Board will consider the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law generated by the Hearing Examiner from the September 11, 2014 hearing. This matter is continued to the October 22, 2014 Board hearing.)*

3. [Docket No. 2014-031 Cause No. 191-06](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QEP Energy Company for an Order suspending the application of Utah Admin. Code R649-3-2, R649-3-10, and R649-3-11(1) and (2) for the Ouray Park II Federal Exploratory Unit, covering all of Section 2, all of Section 3, the N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4, and the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 10, the W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, SE1/4NE1/4, and the SE1/4 of Section 11, the W1/2SW1/4 and the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 12, and the E1/2 of Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

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4. [Docket No. 2014-033 Cause No. 139-123](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of NEWFIELD PRODUCTION COMPANY for an Order: (1) partially vacating the Board's Order entered in Cause No. 139-109 insofar as it pertains to Section 23, T3S, R3W, USM; and (2) modifying the Board's Orders entered in Cause Nos. 139-8, 131-51 and 139-90 to establish Special 1280-Acre (or substantial equivalent) Drilling Units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Upper Wasatch Formation, comprised of Sections 6 and 7, T3S, R1W, USM, Sections 5 and 8, 6 and 7, and 28 and 33, T3S, R2W, USM, and Sections 5 and 8, 13 and 24, and 14 and 23, T3S, R3W, USM, respectively, Duchesne County, Utah, and to authorize the drilling and production of up to Eight (8) Long Lateral Horizontal Wells on each such Special Drilling Unit so established.
5. [Docket No. 2014-034 Cause No. 259-05](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ROBERT L. BAYLESS, PRODUCER LLC for an Order establishing two (2) Special Drilling Units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Uteland Butte Member of the Lower Green River Formation, comprised of Lot 3 and the bed of the Green River adjacent thereto (49.15 acres), and Lots 1 and 4 and the bed of the Green River adjacent thereto (66.66 acres), Section 9, T10S, R19E, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, and authorizing Directionally Drilled Wells on each such Drilling Unit so established to achieve an approximate equivalent 20-acre well density.
6. [Docket No. 2014-035 Cause No. 139-124](#) – In the Matter of the Joint Request for Agency Action of BILL BARRETT CORPORATION and EP ENERGY E&P COMPANY, L.P. for an Order modifying the Board's Orders entered in Cause Nos. 139-84, 139-85, 139-87 and 139-90 to authorize additional Vertical and/or Directionally Drilled Wells to achieve the equivalent of up to an 80-acre well density pattern for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons for the Lower Green River-Wasatch Formations on the sectional drilling units comprising the Black Tail Ridge, Lake Canyon and portions of the Western Altamont Fields, Duchesne County, Utah.
7. [Docket No. 2014-037 Cause No. ACT/007/020 \(04\)](#) – In re Hidden Splendor Mine, Inc. and Request by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining Forfeit the reclamation surety which consists of a Deed of Trust in Unit No. R-2404-N of the American Towers Condominiums located at 57 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah; and has been provided to guaranty reclamation of the Horizon Mine, Permit ACT/007/020 located in Sections 13 and 17, Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah.
8. [Docket No. 2014-038 Cause No. 270-06](#) – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ULTRA RESOURCES, INC. for an Order extending the Board's Order entered in Cause 270-02 to establish 40-acre (or substantial equivalent) drilling units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Eocene Middle and Lower Green River Formations underlying the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, and authorizing up to two (2) wells on each such drilling unit so established.
9. [Docket No. 2014-039 Cause Nos. S/023/0087, S/039/0024, S/039/0027, S/039/0030](#) – In the Matter of the Notice of Agency Action to affecting the mining operations of M. TODD WILHITE, WALL & ROCK, INC., and/or WILHITE & ASSOCIATES, INC., by (1) withdrawing a Notice of Intention, (2) forfeiting a Certificate of Deposit No. 7089407881 in the amount of \$7000 plus accrued interest held by ZIONS BANK, (3) ordering reclamation of mines, and (4) requesting the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the Attorney General to take all other actions necessary to recover costs, fees, and fines for the operations occurring at (a) Gulch Mine (S023/0087) in Juab County; (b) Freedom from War Mine (S/039/0024) in Sanpete County; (c) Mount Pleasant Mine (S/039/0027) in Sanpete County; and (d) Mount Pleasant North Mine (S/039/0030) in Sanpete County.